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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 9-24-02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have not provided corrected drawings as required in Paper No. 16, mailed 8-08-01, and in Paper No. 20, mailed 5-12-02. Additionally, Applicants have not provided adequate support in the specification as filed for the amendments of the instant claims in Paper No. 21. Applicant's amendment does not comply with MPEP § 714.02 and § 2163.06 ("Applicant should \* \* \*specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure."); and MPEP § 2163.04.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L Epps, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-308-8883. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, Thurs-Friday 8:30AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John LeGuyader can be reached on (703)-308-0447. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3014 for regular communications and 703-746-5143 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

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